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HEART FAILURE

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Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A have come to the attention of Applicants and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (3) and §1.98(d). A copy of each of the referenced articles and of each of the foreign references is enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to correct the publication dates of all the U.S. Patent Documents by including the four-digit year, to include the name of the inventor(s) for each of the listed U.S. applications, and to submit additional art which has come to the attention of Applicants. It is respectfully requested that the Information Disclosure Statement references now be considered.

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/952,116 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,663,558 on December 16, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/634,043 filed August 8, 2001. A copy of the documents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant, Forms PTO/SB/08A can be found in U.S. Serial No. 09/634,043.

Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and therefore, no fee is due. However, if a fee is in fact due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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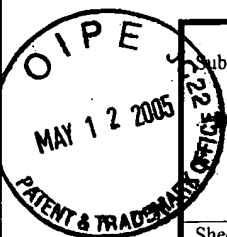
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